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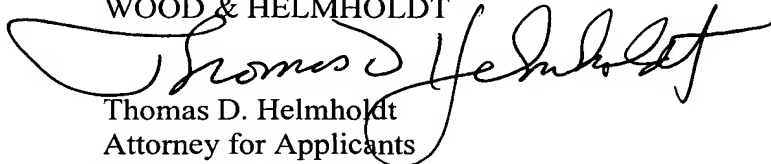
In the Office Action dated March 25, 2005, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following: Group I. Claims 1-21, drawing to an apparatus classified in class 310, subclass 328; and Group II. Claims 22-23, drawing to a method of designing a piezoelectric actuator classified in class 310, subclass 311.

Applicants, through their attorney, elect Group I, claims 1-21 drawn to an apparatus classified in Class 310, Subclass 328, with traverse. The Restriction Requirement is traversed on the ground the additional search would not be an undue burden on the Examiner since a complete search would require searching both classifications. Class 310, subclass 328 of Group II is defined as a subclass indented under class 310, subclass 311 of Group I. A patent search revealed that 1,257 patents classified in class 310, subclass 311 have issued and 319 patents classified in class 310, subclass 328 have issued. Of these issued patents 43 were classified in class 310, subclass 311 *and* class 310, subclass 328. Since a significant overlap exists between the classes, the search required for Group I would overlap with the search for Group II, thus no undue burden would be placed on the Examiner to search both classes. Reconsideration of the Examiner's Restriction Rejection is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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